

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method, apparatus, and article of manufacture for dispensing pre-coded scrip is disclosed. The method comprises the steps of determining a cashout value in response to a cashout command, recording a visible manifestation representing information

5 comprising the cashout value on a media, recording a magnetic manifestation representing the information on the media and dispensing the media from the first gaming machine. The apparatus comprises a self-authenticating media usable in transferring credits from a first gaming machine to a second gaming machine. The media comprises a bottom surface, suitable for application of print media, a heat-sensitive top surface,

10 suitable for manifesting printed media by a thermal printer, a re-recordable continuous magnetic media portion, embedded within the media between the bottom surface and the top surface, the magnetic media portion suitable for recording, playing back, and erasing a continuously variable magnetic field by a magnetic head, wherein the magnetic media portion is substantially undetectable by reflective optical sensors and substantially

15 detectable by densometric optical sensors.

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